

**Spinal Concepts, Inc.
PathFinder**

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510(k) Summary of Safety and Effectiveness

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CLASSIFICATION NAME MNI 888.3070- Pedicle Screw Spinal System
MNH 888.3070 – Spondylolisthesis Spinal Fixation
System
NKB 888.3070 – Pedicle Screw Fixation System,
Degenerative Disc Disease

COMMON NAME Spinal Fixation System

PROPRIETARY NAME Spinal Concepts Inc. PathFinder

PREDICATE DEVICE Spinal Concepts Inc. InCompass Spinal Fixation
System (K021564 and K023644). This is a design
modification per established design control
procedures.

DEVICE DESCRIPTION

PathFinder is a modification to the existing Spinal Concepts Inc. InCompass polyaxial screw design. The design modification allows the components to be implanted through an open or mini open surgical technique. The mini-open surgical technique is conducted using k-wires and cannulated PathFinder screws.

INDICATIONS:PathFinder – Mini-Open Posterior Approach

When intended for pedicle screw fixation from L1-S1, the indications include immobilization and stabilization of spinal segments in skeletally mature patients as an adjunct to fusion in the treatment of the following acute and chronic instabilities or deformities of the thoracic, lumbar and sacral spine: degenerative disc disease (defined as discogenic back pain with degeneration of the disc confirmed by history and radiographic studies), degenerative spondylolisthesis with objective evidence of neurologic impairment, fracture, dislocation, deformities or curvatures (i.e. scoliosis, kyphosis, and/or lordosis), tumor, and failed previous fusion.

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After solid fusion occurs, these devices serve no functional purpose and should be removed. In most cases, removal is indicated because the implants are not intended to transfer or support forces developed during normal activities. Any decision to remove the device must be made by the physician and the patient, taking into consideration the patient's general medical condition and the potential risk to the patient of a second surgical procedure.

MECHANICAL TEST DATA

Mechanical testing data, including data collected in accordance with ASTM 1717 and ASTM 1798, was collected to verify that the design changes met established design requirements.



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Ms. Lisa Peterson
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Re: K030625
Trade/Device Name: Pathfinder
Regulatory Number: 21 CFR 888.3070
Regulation Name: Pedicle Screw Fixation System
Regulatory Class: III
Product Code: NKB, MNI, MNH
Dated: February 24, 2003
Received: February 27, 2003

Dear Ms. Peterson:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

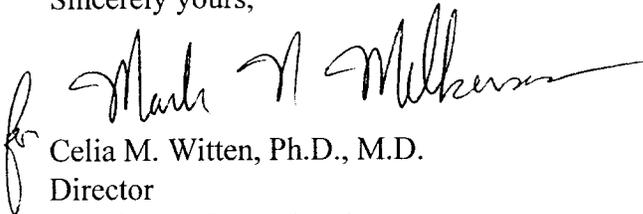
Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Milbrink". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Celia M. Witten, Ph.D., M.D.

Director

Division of General and

Restorative Devices

Office of Device Evaluation

Center for Devices and

Radiological Health

Enclosure

INDICATIONS FOR USE STATEMENT

510(k) Number (if known): K030625

Device Name:

Spinal Concepts, Inc. **PathFinder (Adjunct to InCompass Spinal Fixation System)**

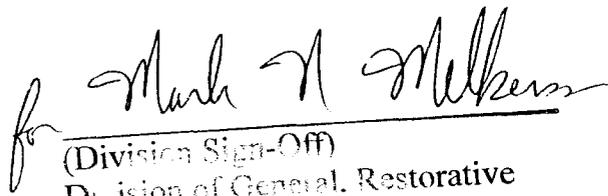
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for Mark A. Melkers

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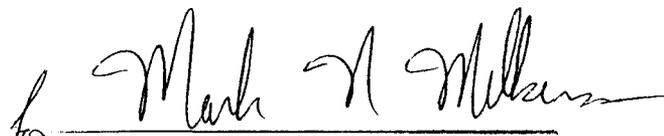
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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use: _____
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter: _____
(Optional Format 1-2-96)



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